

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,
Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

ABSENT Alderman Herndon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held at Tuesday, May 8, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request for a 2012 Raffle License from the Starved Rock Area Special Olympics is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request from Mark Donnelly for a lease of city right-of-way to allow for the placement of an electric sign at 316 3rd Street is granted, and that a lease agreement and ordinance is prepared and the fee to establish the agreement is paid.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Rev. Tom Arnold and Engineer Jim Clinard are allowed to address the council concerning the steel structure on the Property at Rt. 351 and I-80 and related matters.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Reverend Arnold said the MidWest Center for Christian Living has two petitions for the City. The first is a variance from the City's masonry requirement and the second is the issue of the steel work that was erected in 1995. The steel work was erected under the building codes that were in place at that time. The major issue with the city was if the structure was sound. Rev. Arnold hired Engineer Jim Clinard to report on the condition of the steel work. The engineer's report indicated that the steel was in satisfactory condition with some minor adjustments. All of those issues will be addressed. On

question from Alderman Bacidore, Engineer Clinard, a licensed architect and structural engineer said the building is structurally sound. Rev. Arnold said his goal is to have the building enclosed during this construction season and then bring the electrical, mechanical, insulation, etc. standards up to the current codes. City Attorney Jim McPhedran said he'd like to see the statement from Mr. Clinard be a bit more definitive, and Mr. Clinard notes on his report that if the various items in his report are done that, in his opinion, it would be structurally sound.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the masonry requirement be waived for the Midwest Cathedral building with Drivit being used instead of masonry.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Police Income Report for April 2012 showing total fees collected of \$13,355.22 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Duncan reported that the Public Health Committee met earlier and arrived at some recommendations regarding the burning ordinance, however he said he would like to delay any action or recommendations until the full council is present to vote. That will probably not be until June 19th.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request for a sign stating "20 MPH on School Days when Children are Present" be placed for east bound traffic on O'Connor Avenue near Northwest School.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore said he would like to table the request for the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to study the flow of traffic on Crosat Street from O'Connor Avenue South to 8th Street.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the 15 minute parking sign in front of Wash & Wag at 825 First Street not be removed.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore reported that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee met and recommended that the request for North/South stop signs at Seventh and Wright Streets be granted.

Alderman Schneider said that he had requested a similar sign on Roosevelt Street, and in his absence, the council voted unanimously to deny the request and he wanted further discussion on the issue and he wanted to know the differences in the two situations. Alderman Bacidore said more people are using Wright Street to avoid the Stop lights at 3rd and Bucklin. Alderman Schneider asked that the resident who requested the sign be allowed to address the council. Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Cheryl White is allowed to address the council concerning her request for the Stop signs. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. White said she has lived on the northwest corner of 8th and Wright for approximately one year. She said there are a lot of cars parked on the street near that intersection and there are several alleys coming into the street. She asked if there was a "standard" in the city concerning where Stop signs are placed. Ms. White said there is a Stop sign for East-West traffic but not North and South. She suggested that the North-South signs could be removed and East-West signs be put up.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that north/south stop signs are placed at the intersection of Seventh and Wright Streets.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: Alderman Demes, Lavieri. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Alderman Ptak said that he thought that some of the increased traffic problems are caused by the timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of 3rd and Bucklin. He said it is frustrating to wait for the lights to change there and also at the intersection of 3rd and Creve Coeur, and he asked that Engineer Furlan contact IDOT about the issue.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Edgcomb and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant the request from Gary Urbanski to increase the square footage allowed for garages from 720 square feet to 1,040 square feet to allow for construction of a garage at 1204 6th Street is accepted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Mr. Mudge is allowed to address the council regarding electrical aggregation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Mudge thanked the council for selecting his firm to work for the city. He said he has bids for electrical aggregation for the council to consider. He has 7 suppliers that

submitted bids including two from suppliers that addressed the council previously. He said any one of the suppliers would be a good rate but there were a couple that stood out. All of the bidders will bill through Ameren. Termination fees was the second most important item behind price. Alderman Ptak said he thought that the city should enter into a three year contract. Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the City accepts the bid from Homefield Energy on the three-year term, subject to the entering into power supply agreement.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Sam McNeilly said he has obtained proposals from DPS Equipment Services and Process Equipment Repair Services for work on a clarifier at the old wastewater treatment plant, and he is ready to proceed on this. The low proposal was DPS Equipment Services, who did the other 4 tanks last year. Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that authorization is given for DPS Equipment to proceed with the clarifier work, pending approval of the City Attorney after his review of the contract.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Resolution No. 201206: Resolution in Support (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 201206: Resolution in Support (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant)

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that Resolution No. 201207: Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for Application Services for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant on Behalf of the City of LaSalle (NCICG) is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 201207: Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for Application Services for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant on Behalf of the City of LaSalle (NCICG)

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Resolution No. 201208: Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the City of LaSalle and Bergfeld Landscape Architecture Studio Regarding Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 201208: Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the City of LaSalle and Bergfeld Landscape Architecture Studio Regarding Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant and Related Matters

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2346: An Ordinance Authorizing Agreement with Engineering Firm Regarding Economic Development is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. PASS: Alderman Lavieri Motion carried.

Ordinance No.2346: An Ordinance Authorizing Agreement with Engineering Firm Regarding Economic Development

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Ordinance No.2347: An Ordinance Granting Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.2347: An Ordinance Granting Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that Resolution No. 201209: IDOT Resolution of Intent MFT/G.O. Bond is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 201209: IDOT Resolution of Intent MFT/G.O. Bond

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan Ordinance No. 2349: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, and \$800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B, of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2349: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, and \$800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B, of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds

8:43 P.M. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council adjourns the regular meeting and goes into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters

9:55 P.M. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$411,124.85 (Payroll \$152,889.42; bills to be paid \$72,338.35 bills paid \$185,897.08) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNED 9:58 P.M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk